



**Department of Economics, Sambalpur University
Evaluative Report for the period 2010-11 to 2014-15**

1. **Name of the Department :** Post Graduate Department of Economics
2. **Year of establishment:** 1971
3. **Is the Department part of a School/Faculty of the University?** Yes
4. **Names of Programmes / Courses offered (UG, PG, M. Phil., Ph.D., Integrated Masters; Integrated Ph.D., etc.)**

Courses	Students strength
P.G. in Economics	40+40=80
M.Phil. in Economics	10
Ph.D. in Economics*	10+10+4+6=30
MBA (Financial Management)@	32+32=64

N.B. In addition to these, 20% Seats in MA/ MBA (Financial management) /M.Phil. can be increased maximum if students are interested to take admission on payment seats; *indicates the number of Ph.D. students permitted to the existing faculty (during 2014-15).The number also includes the students registered earlier and working.@Master of Finance and Control (M.F.C.) is renamed as M.B.A. (Financial management) from the session 2015-16.

5. Interdisciplinary courses and departments involved:

Up to 2012-13 inter-disciplinary Course(IDC) (with 2 credit) was there in which III Semester students of each Department were required to take IDC offered by any one Department except their own. Hence, almost all Departments including Economics Department were involved in offering the IDC.

6. Courses in collaboration with other Universities, industries, foreign institutions, etc.
No

7. Details of programmes / courses discontinued, if any, with reasons

IDC (Decided by the University Authority)

8. Annual/ Semester/Choice Based Credit System : Semester Course Credit System

9. Participation of the department in the courses offered by other departments:

Students of Economics were opting IDC offered by the Departments of History, Anthropology, Law, Mathematics, Statistics, Sociology, MCA, Library and Information Science, Business Administration.

10. Number of teaching posts sanctioned and filled (Professors/Readers/Lecturers)

Designation	Sanctioned	Filled	Actual (Including CAS&MPS)
Professor	02	01	2
Reader	03	02	1
Lecturer	03	01	1

11. Faculty profile with name, qualification, designation and specialisation (D.Sc./D.Litt./ Ph.D./M.Phil etc.)

Name	Qualification	Designation	Specialization	No. of Years of Experience	No. of M.Phil/Ph.D. students guided for the last 4 years
Prof. P. K. Tripathy	M.A., Ph.D	Professor	Quantitative Econ., Pol. Economy	38	M.Phil.-9, Ph.D.- 4 (+1 submitted)
Prof. S. S. Rath	M.A., Ph.D	Professor	Public Economics, Public Choice, Public Finance, Quantitative Econ	32	M.Phil.-8, Ph.D.-4 (+3 submitted)
Dr. Sanjukta Das	M.A.,M.Phil. Ph.D	Reader	Social Sector Development, Human Development	22	M.Phil.-9, Ph.D.-(1 submitted)
Dr. R. K. Kumbhar	M.A.,M.Phil. Ph.D	Lecturer	Development Economics	8	M.Phil.-9
Prof. K. Sarap*	M.A., Ph. D.	Hon. Prof.	Agricultural Economics, Development Economics, Labour Economics	38	M.Phil.-2, Ph.D.-2
Sj. B.Mishra#	M.A.	Hon.Prof	Quantitative economics, Industrial Economics	33	M.Phil.-5
Dr. L. Mishra@	M.A., M. Phil., Ph.D., D.Litt	Guest Faculty	Environmental Economics, Quantitative Economics, State Finance	NA	NA

Note: * Prof. Sarap after his superannuation in Sept. 2011 served as Hon Professor and was taking classes regularly as well as was actively engaged in research.; # Sj. B. Mishra after his superannuation in July, 2014 served as Hon Professor and was taking classes regularly.; @ Dr. Mishra is serving as a Guest Faculty in the Department since January, 2015.

12. List of senior Visiting Fellows, faculty, adjunct faculty, emeritus professors**Resource Person Invited:****International:**

1. Prof. Xhang Xiaoshan, Beijing
2. Dr. Cui Hongzhi, Beijing

National

Prof. Purnendu Sekhar Das, IIT Kharagpur
 Prof. A.K. Jain, BHU
 Dr. M. Bharathi, Hyderabad
 Prof. K.P. Kannan, Delhi
 Prof. Amit Bhaduri, Delhi
 Prof. M.R. Gupta, ISI, Kolkata
 Prof. Atul Sarma, Ex-V.C. Rajiv Gandhi University
 Prof. U. Shankar, MIDS, Madras
 Prof. D.N.Rao, JNU, New Delhi
 Prof. Manoj Panda, IEG, Delhi
 Prof. Pulin B. Nayak, Delhi
 Prof. Santosh Kumar Panda, Delhi
 Prof. P.K. Choudhury, J.N.U.
 Prof. C P. Chandrasekhar, JNU, New Delhi
 Prof. Vinayak B. Bhise, Babasaheb Ambedkar University, Marthwada.
 Prof. U. S. Mishra, CDS, Trivendram
 Prof. Tapas Sen, NIPFP, Delhi
 Prof. R.N. Bhattacharya, Kolkata
 Prof. Pinaki Chakravarty, Burdwan
 Prof. Sib Ranjan Mishra, Viswa Bharati
 Prof. B. K. Mohanty, Cuttack
 Prof. Gopinath Reddy, CESS, Hyderabad
 Prof. Sankar Bhawmick, Kolkata
 Prof. S. SundarRao, Andhra University, Vaizag

13. Percentage of classes taken by temporary faculty – programme-wise information

Programme	Percentage of classes taken by temporary faculty
MA Economics	16.7
MFC	66.7
M.Phil	0
Ph.D	0

14. Programme-wise Student Teacher Ratio (during 2014-15)

Courses	No. of Students	No of Teachers	Ratio
MA Economics	84	4 + 1HP+1 GF	14
MFC	23	2+7 GF	2.56
M.Phil	10	4 + 1 HP	2.0
Ph.D	34(including 6 pre-Ph. D. coursework students)	4	6.8

15. Number of academic support staff (technical) and administrative staff: sanctioned and filled

Academic support staff	Sanctioned	Filled
Senior Assistant	01	01+1(part time)
Peon	01	01 + 1 (part time)
Sweeper	01	01

16. Research thrust areas recognized by funding agencies:

UCC under DRS (III Phase) has identified Odisha State Finance, Forest, Social Sector Development as the Research thrust areas.

17. Number of faculty with ongoing projects from a) national b) international funding agencies and c) Total grants received. Give the names of the funding agencies and grants received project-wise.

Sl. No.	Faculty	Project Name	National/ International	Funding Agency	Grants Received
1	Dr. Sanjukta Das	Childhood Poverty and Urbanization: A case Study of Sambalpur (In progress)	National	ICSSR	Rs. 192407/
2	Dr. R. K. Kumbhar	MGNREGA (in Progress)	National	ICSSR	8 lakhs (Received 3.5 lakhs)

18. Inter-institutional collaborative projects and grants received

- a) All India collaboration: **NIL**
 b) International : **NIL**

19. Departmental projects funded by UGC-SAP/CAS, , ICSSR, etc.;

Total grants received. UGC-SAP Grant Rs. 16,55,388/
 (2010-11: Rs. 4,23,675; 2011-12: Rs. 4,31,713; 2013-14: Rs. 8,00,000)

20. Research facility / centre with

State recognition : **NIL**
 National recognition : **NIL**
 International recognition : **NIL**

21. Special research laboratories sponsored by / created by industry or corporate bodies: NIL

22. Publications (from 2010-11 to 2014-15, details are in the annexure):

- * Number of papers published in peer reviewed journals (national /international): 11
- * Monographs: 0
- * Chapters in Books :11
- * Edited Books :1
- * Books with ISBN with details of publishers: 4 (including one(i) edited book)
- * Papers/Abstracts published Conference Proceedings:13
- * Number listed in International Database (For e.g. Web of Science, Scopus, Humanities International Complete, Dare Database - International Social Sciences Directory, EBSCO host, etc.): 3
- * Citation Index – range / average: Prof Sarap’s citation index 348(112 since 2010)
<https://scholar.google.co.in/citations?hl=en&user=PkzpCIMA AAAAJ>
- * SNIP:
- * SJR:
- * Impact Factor – range / average:
- * h-index :10

23. Details of patents and income generated: NIL**24. Areas of consultancy and income generated : NIL****25. Faculty selected nationally/ internationally to visit other laboratories in India and abroad: One (Prof. P.K. Tripathy)****26. Faculty serving in****a) National committees b) International committees c) Editorial Boards d) any other (please specify):**

- (i) During the last 5 years the Department has organized ten national seminars where the teachers of the Department were in the organising committee; acted as seminar Director, organizing secretary etc.
- (ii) Since the Department is autonomous the teachers on rotation have served as examination-in-charge for M.A. , M.Phil. and M.B.A.(Financial Management).
- (iii) During the last 5 years four teachers of the Department (i.e. Prof K. Sarap, Prof. P.K. Tripathy, Prof. S.S. Rath and Dr. S. Das) have served as external examiners of a number of M.Phil / Ph. D. theses of different Universities like JNU, Lucknow University, Osmania University, University of Burdwan, Rajiv Gandhi University, Rabindra Bharati University.
- (iv) Prof. S. S. Rath was in (i) the Committee, Central University Status and (ii) Golden Jubilee Celebration Committee of the University, 2014-15. Dr.

R.K. Kumbhar is acting as nodal officer of the 'All India Survey on Higher Education Cell' of Sambalpur University from 2014-15 to till date.

- (v) Dr. S. Das, S. B. Mishra and Dr. R.K. Kumbhar have acted as members of Inspection Committees appointed by the V.C. Sambalpur University for different colleges under S.U. for providing affiliation for different subjects and increasing seats etc.
- (vi) After the acceptance of Ph. D. Guidelines, 2009 of UGC by SU, P.G. Department of Economics is acting as the nodal centre for Economics. All the teachers of the Department are in the DRCs of some Ph. D. scholars of the Nodal Centre.
- (vii) All the teachers are in some committee or other, constituted by the SU authority and discharging their responsibilities.
- (viii) Prof. P.K. Tripathy was the Chairman, P.G. Council for the session 2013-14 and Director, Academic Staff College for the session 2014-15.
- (ix) Prof. S. S. Rath acted as Registrar for more than three years in the last 5 years.
- (x) Dr. S. Das was in the editorial board of 'Orissa Economic Journal' for 2010-11 to 2014-15.

27. Faculty recharging strategies:

As per the University rule, teachers are permitted to attend OC/RC/Workshops/Training Programmes organized by different institutions. They are also given duty leaves to act as resource persons for the same.

28. Student projects

- percentage of students who have done in-house projects including inter-departmental projects: All the students of MFC in their final year do project work as a part of their coursework.
- percentage of M.F.C. students doing projects in collaboration with other Universities / industry / institute: 50 %

29. Awards / recognitions received at the national and international level by

- Faculty
- Doctoral / post doctoral fellows
- Students

30. Seminars/ Conferences/Workshops organized and the source of funding (national / international) with details of outstanding participants, if any.

(i) Details of the National Seminars organized by the Department:

Date	Topic of National Seminar	Funding	Outstanding Participants from outside
25.3.11	Orissa State Finances	DRS-UGC	Prof. Tapas Sen, NIPFP, New Delhi; Prof. B.K. Mohanty, Cuttack
26.3.11	Forest and Livelihood System in Orissa	DRS-UGC	Prof. Gopinath Reddy, CESS, Hyderabad; Prof K. Gupta, Rabindrabharati Univ; Prof. P.Chakravorty, Univ of Burdwan; Dr. Ajit Benarjee, Kolkata Prof R.M. Mallik, Bhubaneswar
23.3.12	Orissa State Finances	DRS-UGC	Prof. S. Panda, Bhubaneswar; Prof. B. Patro, Berhampur Univ ; Dr.U.S. Dash, Sambalpur Women's College.
24.3.12	Forest and Livelihood System in Orissa	DRS-UGC	Prof R.N.Bhattacharya, IGIDR; Dr. Dr.Aurobinda Behera, Ex-Principal Secretary Ministry of Forest & Environment, Govt. of Orissa; Dr.S.Mishra, CDS, Hyderabad; Dr.P.P.Mishra, Cent.Univ, Hyderabad; Prof. RM Mallik, Bhubaneswar
20.3.14	Orissa State Finances	DRS-UGC	Prof. B. Patro, Berhampur Univ; Dr.U.S. Dash, Sambalpur Women's College.
20 th to 21 st March, 14	Social Sector Development	DRS-UGC	Prof. S. Devi, KIIT; Prof. B.K. Mohanty, Cuttack; Prof. P.Mishra, Utkal University
21.3.14	Globalisation, International Competitiveness and the emergence of Financial Capitalism	UGC's unassigned grant	Prof P.S Dash, IIT Kharagpur; Prof M. Swain, Ravenshaw University;
21 st to 22 nd March, 15	Social Sector Development, Forest & livelihood System in Odisha	DRS-UGC	Prof R.N.Bhattacharya, Jadavpur Univ; Prof.R.M.Mallik, Bhubaneswar Prof. B.K. Mohanty, Cuttack;
22 th to- 23 rd March, 2015	Development Discourse	UGC's unassigned grant	Prof. S. Panda, Bhubaneswar; Prof B Mishra, Sambalpur; Prof. B.K. Mohanty, Cuttack
23.3.15	Odisha State Finances	DRS-UGC	Prof. Tapas Sen, NIPFP, New Delhi; Sj. Panchanan Kanungo, Ex-Fin.Min. Odisha; Prof. S. Panda, Bhubaneswar.

(ii) The department also has co-ordinated the refresher courses in Economics, organised by ASC, SU every year.

31. Code of ethics for research followed by the departments: At par with the rest of the University.

32. Student profile course-wise:

Name of the Course (refer to question no. 4)	Applications received	Selected		Pass percentage	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
P.G.(Economics & MBA(Finance))	192	23	36	100%	97%
M.Phil	42	04	06	100%	100%
Ph.D* (during 2014)	15	07	08	100%	100%

Note:@=during 2014-15; #=% of pass out of appeared in the final examination for P.G., M.Phil. & pre-Ph.D. course work examination of 2014-15.

33. Diversity of students

Name of the Course (refer to question no. 4)	% of students from the same University	% of students from other Universities within the State	% of students from Universities outside the State	% of students from other countries
P.G.	78%	20%	2%	-
M. Phil	70%	20%	10%	-
Ph. D	73%	20%	7%	-

34. How many students have cleared Civil Services and Defense Services examinations, NET, SET, GATE and other competitive examinations (during the last 5 years)? Give details category-wise.

Category	No
NET	13
RGNF	5
OPSC	6
RBI	1
Banking Services	25
Police/Defense	5

35. Student progression

Student progression	Percentage against enrolled
UG to PG	NA
PG to M.Phil.	25%
PG to Ph.D.	10%
Ph.D. to Post-Doctoral	0.05%
Employed	30%
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus selection • Other than campus recruitment :30% 	
Entrepreneurs	

36. Diversity of staff

Percentage of faculty who are graduates	
of the same University	66.7%
from other Universities within the State	33.3%
from Universities from other States	Nil
from Universities outside the country	Nil

37. Number of faculty who were awarded Ph.D., D.Sc. and D.Litt. during the assessment period : Ph. D. – NIL; D.Litt-01(the Guest Faculty)**38. Present details of infrastructural facilities with regard to**

a) Library: A total No. of 2064 books are available in the Dept. (Seminar Library of MA/M.F.C./M.Phil./Ph. D. + Book Bank and DRS Library). A number of e-books are also available. Three journals (EPW, Journal of Agricultural Economics, Journal of Rural Development) are subscribed by the Department/Faculty/Research Scholars. Further, all the e-journals under jstor, Elsevier journals are accessible to the faculty/students/scholars in the Department under INFLIBNET.

b) Internet facilities for staff and students: **Available**

c) Total number of class rooms: **05**

d) Class rooms with ICT facility: **02**

e) Students' (computer) laboratories: **02**

f) Research (computer) laboratories: **02**

g) Seminar halls: **03**

39. List of doctoral, post-doctoral students from host and other Universities (for the last 5 years)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scholar	From the Host/Other Universities	Status	Sl. No.	Name of the Scholar	From the Host/Other Univ.	Status
1	U. S. Dash	Host	Awarded	20	Rajani Seth	Host	Registered
2	M. Bhoi	Host	Awarded	21	S.Pani	Host	Registered
3	Suniti Mishra	Host	Awarded	22	B. Seth	Host	Registered
4	Sunil . Padhi	Host	Awarded	23	M. Mishra	Host	Registered
5	U.K.Tripathy	Host	Awarded	24	Rinky Seth	Host	Registered
6	Uday Padhan	Host	Awarded	25	G.Mendali	Other	Registered
7	P.Satpathy	Host	Awarded	26	S. Nandy	Other	Registered
8	K.Hota	Host	Awarded	27	R. Naik	Host	Registered
9	A.K. Dash	Host	Awarded	28	S. Sahu	Other	Registered
10	T.K. Sarangi	Host	Awarded	29	P. Sethi	Host	Registered
11	S.S. Majhi	Host	Submitted	30	B. Mohapatra	Other	Registered

12	S.Samal	Other	Submitted	31	G.Panda	Host	Registered
13	S.Rout	Host	Submitted	32	S.Udgata	Host	Registered
14	S. R. Acharya	Other	Submitted	33	B.Sahu	Host	Registered
15	M. Dash	Host	Submitted	34	J K Mishra	Host	Registered
16	M. Satpathy	Host	Registered	35	A. Tirky	Host	Applied
17	Lipika Rath	Host	Registered	36	Reema Seth	Other	Applied
18	P. Sethi	Host	Registered	37	M. Sahu	Other	Applied
19	Linata Mishra	Host	Registered	38	S S Padhan	Host	Applied

40. Number of post graduate students getting financial assistance from the University:

Each year ST/SC/OBC students have received PM and other scholarships. During 2014-15, two students got merit scholarship; 22 ST/SC students got PM scholarship and most of the OBC students also got Prerna/Medha scholarships.

41. Was any need assessment exercise undertaken before the development of new programme(s)? If so, highlight the methodology.

Modifications in the curriculum are made on the basis of the assessment of the old one (its limitations etc) by the teachers and finally is discussed in the Teachers' Council meeting and resolution is taken for modification/introduction of the old/new course.

42. Does the department obtain feedback from

- a. faculty on curriculum as well as teaching-learning-evaluation?Yes. If yes, how does the department utilize the feedback? : **Yes.**

In the Teachers' Council Meeting, topics like inclusion of new paper, revision of syllabus, are discussed and necessary steps are taken for improvement.

- b. Students on staff, curriculum and teaching-learning-evaluation and how does the department utilize the feedback? **Yes.**

Students were asked to give their feedbacks by filling the structured forms, supplied by the University to the Department. Then a committee was formed to process the information obtained from these filled in forms. Finally, the information was discussed to know the students' perception, opinion etc. Accordingly steps were taken to reduce students' misconception on certain issues. Further, some steps were also taken to improve the performance of the Department.

- c. Alumni and employers on the programmes offered and how does the department utilize the feedback? **Yes.**

Though Alumni Association has not hold the annual meeting, some alumni visited the Department during the national seminar organized by the Department. They not only spoke positively about the functioning of the Department in the valedictory session but also expressed the same in the informal talks with the faculty members. They also gave some suggestions which were considered positively.

Often we also got feedbacks on our students' performance in M.Phil/Ph. D. entrance examinations of JNU/ CU, Hyderabad from faculty members of the respective institutions (who often are our Alumni). These are discussed in the TC meeting and necessary steps were taken.

On different occasions like, seminars/conferences organized by the Department, Department Council meeting, Advisory Body meeting (of DRS), Vice-Chancellor visited and presided, and gave positive opinions on the performance of the P.G. Department of Economics. He also suggested some steps for better performance. These suggestions were discussed in the Teachers' Council meeting and steps were taken accordingly.

43. List the distinguished alumni of the department (maximum 10): List attached

- (i) Dr. R Gobind Rao, Ex-Director, NIPFP, Delhi
- (ii) Dr. Tapas Sen, Professor, NIPFP, Delhi
- (iii) Dr. Manoj Panda Professor, (former), IGIDR, Mumbai; Ex-Director, CESS, Hyderabad; Director, IEG, Delhi.
- (iv) Dr. B.K. Mohanty, Professor (Rtd), G.M. College, Sambalpur.
- (v) Dr. Deepak Kumar Mishra, Professor, CSRD, JNU, New Delhi.
- (vi) Dr. Kaustuva Barik, Professor, IGNOU, Delhi
- (vii) Dr. Tapas Kumar Sarangi, Asst. Director, IAMR, New Delhi
- (viii) Dr. S. K. Nayak, Professor, Rajiv Gandhi University & member, National Statistical Commission, 70th round of N.S.S.O.
- (ix) Sri Bichitrananda Seth, Research Officer, RBI, Mumbai.
- (x) Dr. Sujit Mishra, Associate Professor, CSD, Hyderabad.

44. Give details of student enrichment programmes (special lectures / workshops / seminar) involving external experts. Special Lectures were organised from time to time inviting external experts, whose list is already given. Every year national seminars on the DRS thrust areas are held inviting experts. Further, national seminars on relevant topics like 'Development Discourse', 'Globalisation and Financial Capitalism...', were organized during 2013-14 & 2014-15.

45. List the teaching methods adopted by the faculty for different programmes. (i) Lecture (ii) Tutorial (iii) Seminar (iv) Project work (v) Home assignment (vi) Practical (Computer/Econometrics/Research Methodology) (vii) PPT.

46. How does the department ensure that programme objectives are constantly met and learning outcomes are monitored?

Under Semester system regularly students' learning achievements are tested through internal assessment, seminars and End term examinations. In the teachers' council meeting the performance of the students is discussed and necessary steps are resolved for future strategy. The good performance of the students of this Department in M.Phil/Ph. D. entrance examinations of other universities like JNU, CU, Hyderabad, etc. and in the UGC NET examination and OPSC examination indicates good learning outcomes of the students.

47. Highlight the participation of students and faculty in extension activities.

- a. Students participate in the NSS programmes conducted by the University.
- b. Faculty members also during their field work for different projects educate the people regarding the different facilities for them by the Government.
- c. Approximately 20 students of the University (mainly boarders of Boys' Hostel) have taken initiative to improve the educational status of the students of the neighbourhood (two) villages. Every day in the evening two of them (by rotation) teach the students (up to class 10) of these villages in the village club. From this Department, two students (Debasis Sahu and Hemanta Pradhan) are in this noble initiative.

48. Give details of “beyond syllabus scholarly activities” of the department.

The Department organizes national seminars every year on the thrust area under DRS, UGC. It also organizes the same on other important economic issues. Teachers of the Department undertake research works and disseminate the findings of these scholarly activities in the different seminars, workshops and also by publishing them in reputed journals/edited books etc.

49. State whether the programme/ department is accredited/ graded by other agencies?

If yes, give details.

UGC has granted DRS (III Phase) under its SAP. University has granted academic autonomy to the Department because of its good performance in all aspects. State Government has identified this Department as 'Centre of Excellence.' NAAC also accredited (along with the University, of course long back)

50. Briefly highlight the contributions of the department in generating new knowledge, basic or applied.

- (i) Added knowledge on different issues of Odisha state finance and policy.
- (ii) Added knowledge on the role of forest in the provision of livelihood of the poor, functioning of the forest institutions of Odisha and the implementation of forest right act (FRA).
- (iii) Added knowledge on the function of MGNREGA in Odisha and its role in addressing poverty, and inequity.
- (iv) Added knowledge on seasonal workers' (of Western Odisha) exploitation in the brick kilns of different places.
- (v) Added knowledge on 'Water conflict' by studying the case of the conflict over the use of Mahanadi River's water at Hirakud.
- (vi) Added knowledge on equity in access to health care and also health care burden on the poor.

51. Detail any five Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Challenges (SWOC) of the department.

Strength:

1. Glorious past (reputation of first introduction of mathematical Economics and Econometrics in the State, quality publication of the faculty members, good performance of the students at the national and state level competitions. It is recognised as the 'Centre of Excellence' by the State Government);
2. Dedicated and well-recognised faculty and the non-teaching staff;
3. Mixed age –group composition of teachers (younger ones will learn from and be motivated by the works of the senior ones);
4. Good library and internet (including the jstor, Wiley online library, science direct) facility to teachers and students; and
5. Disciplined, hard working and motivated students (who remain far away from nasty politics etc. and have high ambition).

Weaknesses:

1. Lack of scholarship to students for research from the University (resulting in movement of good students, after P.G. to Central Universities for M.Phil. and Ph.D.);
2. Vacancy in the teaching posts resulting in staff shortage and high work burden ;
3. Poor quality students' entry: We are receiving poor quality students in the last few years, the reason of which may be the shortage of teachers in the feeder colleges. It often becomes difficult to get good results with these students.

Opportunities:

1. Scope for introduction of new optional papers like Industrial Economics, Law & Economics, Demography, Public Policy and Growth Economics (with the expertise of the existing faculty as well as employing guest faculty and visiting Professors);
2. Scope for collaborative research with other institutions in the country as some faculty members of these institutions are the alumni of this Department;
3. Scope for creating a good data base (on Odisha economy) from the research works of the teachers;
4. Scope for creating a new Centre for the study of Government Finance (as this Department has produced good number of scholars who have worked on Government Finance).

Challenges:

1. Motivating students to pursue a career in teaching and research is a challenge now as they find it easy and less time taking to get banking and other jobs through competitive examinations which are conducted regularly with more posts.
2. Motivating students to pursue their M.Phil./Ph.D. work in this University, instead of migrating to other Universities /Institutions.
3. Attracting to good student to pursue P.G. in Economics (in this Department and not in the same subject elsewhere), instead of M.B.A./ B. Ed.
4. Attracting and retaining good faculty members to the Department (because of the apathetic attitude of the State Government towards higher education, like non-implementation of UGC Pay scale in toto).

52. Future plans of the department.

The Department plans to reduce the weaknesses and grab the opportunities in the following ways:

- It proposes for the introduction new optional papers like, Financial Economics, Industrial Economics, Law & Economics, Demography, Public Policy and Growth Economics in MA programme.
- A 5-year integrated M.Sc. course in Economics, with special emphasis on taking the students of western Odisha is in the plan.
- It plans to carry research on the thrust areas identified by UGC (under DRS, III Phase) in addition to the research in other areas of interest to the faculty members.
- Establishment of a new centre for the study of Government Finance and creation of a data base on Odisha economy in the near future are planned. By these the Department's research activities will be strengthened; Research outputs will flow to the teaching as well as to the policy making of the Government.

Publications of Department of Economics (2010-2015)

2010

- Sarap, K., & T. K. Sarangi (2010): “An Analysis of Forest Institutions in Odisha”, *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, Volume 12 (2) (July-December): 193-210, ISEC, Bangalore. ISSN- 0972-5792
- Das Sanjukta and S. Pani (2010): Childhood Poverty in Urban Orissa. *Journal of Social Anthropology* Vol.7(1-2) January, December Serial Publication: 159-165 ISSN- 0973-5382
- Das Sanjukta & B Seth (2010): Impact of Global Financial Crisis on the Poor of the Poor Countries: Focus on India. *Orissa Economic Journal* Vol 42(1-2):103-114 OEA, Bhubaneswar. ISSN:0976-5409
- Sarap, K. & T.K. Sarangi(2010): “Factors Contributing to Erosion of Access to Forest and Private Land in Contemporary Tribal Orissa” in Sarap, K.(ed) *Institutions, Livelihood and Natural Resource Management*, Bookwell Publication, New Delhi.:117-138 ISBN: 978-93-8074-05-09
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Photo of the National Seminar on Forest, Social Sector Development organized by the Dept of Economics on 12th March, 2015.



Photos of two students of Departmental teaching the students of two nearby villages as extension activities.